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Word Chasers

Arcade-Style Learning!

Spelling is E-A-S-Y! Get your fingers ready for some fast-paced fun in this game of cat and mouse. Over 500 words your child needs to know are woven into an exciting arcade game. Watch confidence grow as your child learns and applies important spelling and word-building skills.

Getting Started: Insert the cartridge with the printed side facing front. Press the On/Off button to begin.

Sign In

1. Follow the on-screen instructions to sign in.
2. The LEAPSTER handheld will store the game information of up to 3 players. To remove a player, touch the X button on the screen.

Parent Guide & Instructions

This guide contains important information. Please keep it for future reference.

Many Ways to Play

One of the most effective ways to develop proficiency in spelling is through engaging practice. Your child can play Word Chasers alone or with a friend. When two players compete, each player selects his or her level of play right from the start. Then the challenge begins to see who can get the highest score.

To turn off the background music, touch the blue musical note icon on the screen. Select "Music On" or "Music Off." This setting will return to "Music On" each time the LEAPSTER handheld is powered on.

Learning at All Levels

Word Chasers features four levels of play that reinforce spelling and vocabulary skills and strategies. Each level covers the corresponding grade/year of skills. For example, level 1 covers 1st grade (ages 5-7) spelling and vocabulary. Within each level, there is an increase in challenge to further advance fluent and accurate spelling abilities.

Level 1: Skills include initial and final consonants, short vowel patterns, long vowel patterns, vowel blends, consonant blends, compound words and –ing words.

Level 2: Skills include silent letters, vowel blends, consonants, double consonants, r-controlled vowels and suffixes.

Level 3: Skills include silent letters, r-controlled vowels, compound words, vowel blends, regular multi-syllable words, and words with open and closed syllable patterns.

Level 4: Skills reinforce spelling and vocabulary skills explored in previous levels.

How a Tutorial Works

Tutorial support offers a strategy to help children break down a skill into smaller parts. A tutorial is activated when the player presses the Hint button. The narrator suggests hints or offers players a correct response to ensure a successful learning experience.

Word Chasers—How to Play

Are you ready for a little game of cat and mouse? Choose a letter-hungry kitty cat, and scat! Using the arrow pad, players navigate their way through a variety of maze-like maps, pouncing on letters to spell words. Players can press the B button to hear the word repeated. Once the word is spelled correctly, all the remaining letters turn into mice. Here's where players need to act fast to catch as many mice as possible before they turn back to into letters. The speed of the games play increases as players demonstrate their spelling proficiency. Finding a power cube freezes letters and mice in their tracks, making a catch super easy. Keep an eye out for bonus feline treats, such as toy balls and blue fish, to nab for extra points. Pouncing on incorrect letters turns letters into a group of angry mice who can chase YOU! How many chances do you have to win the most points? Nine, of course!

What's Being Taught:

Spelling: The ability to break down words into their sounds and reproduce the sounds in the correct sequence. This game introduces 500+ words.

Images in this Parent Guide represent gameplay only, and do not reflect actual screenshot pixelation.

Why Is This Important?

Children need to learn correct spelling to communicate ideas and information clearly. First, children learn to break down words into their sounds and write the letters that stand for those sounds. Once children master individual letter-sound relationships, they can identify other letter combinations, such as consonant blends, consonant digraphs and r-controlled vowels. Games such as Word Chasers challenge children to quickly use their knowledge of letter sounds and common spelling patterns.

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